GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SYSTEM OF TELESCOPIC FARES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways had earlier used the system of `telescopic` fares for passengers wishing to extend their journeys while travelling ;

(b) if so, the reasons for discontinuing this system;

(c) whether the Railways are aware that loss is caused to genuine passengers due to the dropping of telescopic fares; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to review this policy and restore the notional system in force earlier?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (d) : Prior to 1994, passengers were given the benefit of telescopic rates if they wanted to extend journey beyond the original destination station. However, on receipt of reports about misuse of this facility, the method of charging telescopic fares for extended journeys was revised with effect from 29.7.1994. Under the revised procedure the fare for extended journey is charged at normal tariff rates treating such extended journey as fresh one. Review of the existing rule is not being considered at present.